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Dear Susan.

I thoroughly agree with you that time flies and that it seems much longer waiting for a letter than it seems putting off the writing of one. I should have written before, but was very busy and could hardly find time. I am still going to school, and doing lots of work. So much work in fact, that I am hard put to it to find materials and canvas enough for my purpose. It has only one drawback, which is that I have not made much money doing this kind of work, but am rapidly developing a clear concer way of handling my drawing which will be of use later. Since I have been up here I have done 25 wash drawings, 10 oils, and 6 charcoal drawings beside nearly 50 small sketches and pen and ink drawings so I have not been loafing by any means. I am going to send this drawing for Digger C some time this week and shall send it wrapped in a newspaper. so when you receive a Toronto Daily Star or World, you

will know what to expect. We have
much fun in the life class which is
held Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
Mr. Cuckshank is very comical and
I like him better the more I see of
him. At first he impresses one as being
a surly old bear.  but on getting
acquainted he is quite a nice
old chap. He told last night of
his experiences with two piano players
who persisted in thumping the box while
he was working. He stood it as long as
he could and then went to a music
store and hired a concert. After practicing
the holy city in G minor several times
while piano practice was in progress, an
arrestee was aped upon and peace
once more reigned in the studio.

I got the cameras after paying 40¢
duty on them. They were C.R. in regard
to Snaps. I don't know what you can
send except candy which will not be
subject to duty. Of course if you want
to send an Automobile or a small
steam yacht I might arrange to
smuggle it through but I guess the
easiest was not to leave them until
I come back. If you arrival set on
sending something, a few photos of
the beach will be very acceptable and

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will come through all OK. Seriously
nothing would please me more than
a dollar or two to buy some extra
sparets and brushes. As I said before
materials are my greatest drawback
and if I can only have enough of those
I will cheerfully forgo any cake pic
and dainties of all descriptions. We had
a little snow here Sunday night but
nothing to speak of only enough to
make it nasty walking, and by present
indications it will not be gone in a
day or 2. It is really the most laugh-
able thing to think of being in Canada
and having a heavy rain storm in Dec.
Fog prevails just at present, and the
snow is dropping from the eaves in
little rivulets. I have got a card from
the public library and so can get books
out. I dont have time to be houseick
much, but wish sometimes that I
could run down and spend a day in
company with you and mama.

How is Grandpa these days? Give my
love to him, and tell him to walk but
for two feet. I got some the other day
and have a slight cold as a cover-
up. I am going to try and
find time to answer all my letters
the P.M. as they accumulate pretty

rapidly. Oh draw, I thought I had enough to fill out another page, but I am afraid I can't think of enough to say. Truly there is not much to tell about I get up at 7:30 or 8, eat breakfast, wander over to the school, draw till 12.30, go home wash my hands, eat dinner. Go up stairs have a smoke, draw till dark, eat supper, wash up, shave, go out calling, read, or go to work as case may be, go to bed and sleep, so you says, I don't know about that part. I hope I don't make such a noise as here when he draws of running races. How is Evelyn Perry have you heard from her lately? I dreamed about her last night and that reminds me that ~~I have~~ ~~she~~ she owes me a letter. Well my draw sis I must cut this short and go to drawing again as it shows signs of drawing up. With much love to all, and my best wishes for good health and good weather I remain as ever your loving sis.

Frank

